

Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission August 18, 2003

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, August 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Wolf
Commissioner Bessa
Commissioner Goolsby
Commissioner Pritchard
Councilman Schmidt

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Goolsby made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2003.

Motion: Goolsby
Second: Bessa
Carried: 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Banks stated that the Tree Stewardship Application was in the final format and ready for the Tree Commission to approve the application.

The Tree Commission had a brief decision about how the Tree Stewardship Application would be used and made some revisions to the application.

Commissioner Pritchard made a motion to accept the Right-of-way Tree Stewardship Application as amended.

Motion: Pritchard
Second: Goolsby
Carried: 4-0

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Commissioner Pritchard asked about selecting the tree seedlings for the 2004 Flower and Garden Show.

Commissioner Goolsby made a motion to order a 1,000 River Birch and 500 Hazelnut and authorize Mr. Banks to substitute Red Dogwoods if needed.

Motion: Goolsby
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 4-0

Commissioner Wolf asked about the banner that were to be made for a Tree Commission.

Commissioner Pritchard stated that the Commission did have money for a banner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dry Hollow Road Street Trees were discussed briefly, but no action was taken at this time and may be discussed at the next meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Banks stated that the self-guided tour for the Historic District is still under development and some of the trees will be included in the tour. Mr. Banks brought up some of the workshops that may be of interest to the Tree Commissioners to attend. Mr. Banks stated that he would be attending the National Urban Forest Conference on September 17th to the 21st. Mr. Banks brought up the Tree Inventory and that it has not been updated in the last 2 years.

The Tree Commission asked Mr. Banks to find out how much it would cost to update the Tree Inventory.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Pritchard thanked council members for attending.

Commissioner Goolsby stated that he appreciated the feedback he received regarding the memo regarding the tree bank.

Commissioner Bessa talked about the water issues in San Antonio and thanked the Town Council for coming to the meeting. Commissioner Bessa also talked about the W&OD bike trail.

COUNCILMANIC COMMENTS:

Councilman Schmidt stated that Councilman BATTERY talked about the Loudoun County Master Plan for the bike trail at the Council meeting. Councilman Schmidt also stated that the Council decided that there will be a September 11th Memorial ceremony.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Bessa made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Bessa
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 4-0

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester